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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 10/092,616

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Examiner: Ly. T. Tran

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For: COLORING AGENT AMOUNT RECORDING APPARATUS, COLORING AGENT MATERIALS COST PROCESSING APPARATUS, COLORING AGENT CARTRIDGE, AND COLLECTION OF THE CARTRIDGE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 25, 2003 to December 29, 2003.

A check for the statutory fee of \$420.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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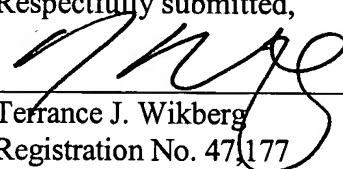
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